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1. FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL HAS TOLD THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE LABOR PARTY THAT THE GON WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD (REFTEL) AND RECOGNIZE THE PRG. VAN DER STOEL, HIMSELF A MEMBER OF THE LABOR PARTY, SAID THAT TO RECOGNIZE THE PRG WOULD CONFIRM A SPLIT IN SOUTH VIET-NAM WHICH WOULD BE IN CONFLICT WITH THE PARIS ACCORDS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, VAN DER STOEL HAS ADDRESSED A WRITTEN STATEMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WHICH LEAVES NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, AS TO HIS FEELING OF UNEASE ABOUT THE THIEU GOVERNMENT.

2. WHILE VAN DER STOEL'S INTENTION TO WITHHOLD RECOGNITION FROM THE PRG SEEMS A FIRM ONE AT THE MOMENT, THE PARLIAMENTARY LABOR PARTY HAS COME OUT IN SUPPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION. WITHOUT A DISSENTING VOTE, THE 43 LABOR PARTY MEMBERS OF THE
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SECOND CHAMBER HAVE TAKEN NOTICE--AND THEREBY GIVEN

IMPLICIT APPROVAL--OF THE BOARD'S ACTION. THE PARTY'S INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY, SECOND CHAMBER MEMBER TER BEEK, HAS POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE UNDER PRESSURE FROM NOW ON TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH THE GVN. IN TER BEEK'S VIEW, THE PLEA TO RECOGNIZE THE PRG FALLS IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS DID EARLIER PRESSURE TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU (WHICH GON DID NOT DO, HOWEVER, UNTIL GUINEA&BISSAU BECAME INDEPENDENT). THE PARLIAMENTARY LABOR PARTY PLANS TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF PRG RECOGNITION DURING THE DEBATE ON THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BUDGET AT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

3. INDICATIVE OF INCREASING PRESSURES FOR RECOGNITION OF THE PRG IN THE LABOR PARTY WAS A STATEMENT BY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER PRONK JANUARY 25 WHEN HE TOLD A PUBLIC MEETING THAT THE GON WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE THE PRG "FOR THE TIME BEING." PRONK SAID THAT SUCH A MOVE WAS NOT IN THE POLITICAL PROGRAM OF THE CURRENT COALITION GOVERNMENT (A COALITION OF THREE LEFT WING AND TWO CONFESSONAL CENTER PARTIES).
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